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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 1699–1725; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; H. Con. Res. 81–82; and H. Res. 286–287 were introduced. **Pages H4025–26**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4026–27**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 608, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects (H. Rept. 111–53, Pt. 1). **Page H4025**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3837**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Earl F. Palmer, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. **Page H3837**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009:** S. 383, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional authorities and responsibilities, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 152 and **Pages H3847–51, H3853–54**

**Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse Designation Act:** S. 520, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the “Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse”. **Pages H3995–96**

**Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H3840–47, H3852–53, H3854–H3985**

H. Res. 280, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a re-

corded vote of 247 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 151, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 150. **Pages H3852–53**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 24th:

**Recognizing the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy:** H. Res. 273, to recognize the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and to celebrate Greek and American democracy, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 154. **Pages H3985–86**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 286, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 182 nays with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 155. **Pages H3990–91**

**Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 1404, to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H3986–90, H3991–95**

H. Res. 281, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 156, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H3991–92**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H3990–91**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3990.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 12 was held at the desk. **Page H3990**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3852, H3852–53,

H3853–54, H3985, H3985–86, H3990–91 and H3991–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACTS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Robert Stephenson, Acting Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, Farm Services Agency; Dave White, Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Kathleen S. Tighe, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and John Jurich, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Mark Shackelford, USAF, Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; and VADM David Archizel, USN, Principal Deputy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Navy.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American and Alaska Natives Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau

of Labor Statistics; Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, U.S. Commander, European Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Medical Transition, Defense to Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

### **STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **RECONSTRUCTING FUNDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; MAJ GEN Arnold Fields, USMC (ret.) Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

### **CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Major Gen. Darryl A. Scott, USAF, Deputy Commander, Task Force to Support Business Operations in Iraq, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command.